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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Shunji MAEDA *et al.*
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Group AU : 2621
Examiner : B.P. Werner
Conf. No. : 5815

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

13 December 2004

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 of the shortened statutory period for response set by the Office Action mailed 13 July 2004. A Form PTO-2038 is submitted concurrently herewith in payment of requisite Petition fee. Please charge any actual deficiency in fees to ATS&K Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (as Case No. 500.37149X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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